

REMARKS

In the above referenced Office action, the Examiner divided the claims into the following groups:

I. Claims 1-11, drawn to a microchannel sample-handling apparatus, classified in class 422, subclass 68.1.

II. Claims 12-14, drawn to a method of analyzing components in a sample, classified in class 436, subclass 501.

In response, the applicants elect to begin prosecution with examination of claim group I, claims 1-11, without traverse. Non-elected claims 12-14 have been canceled.

No fees are believed due with this communication. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency in fees herein to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

If in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (650) 838-4401.

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